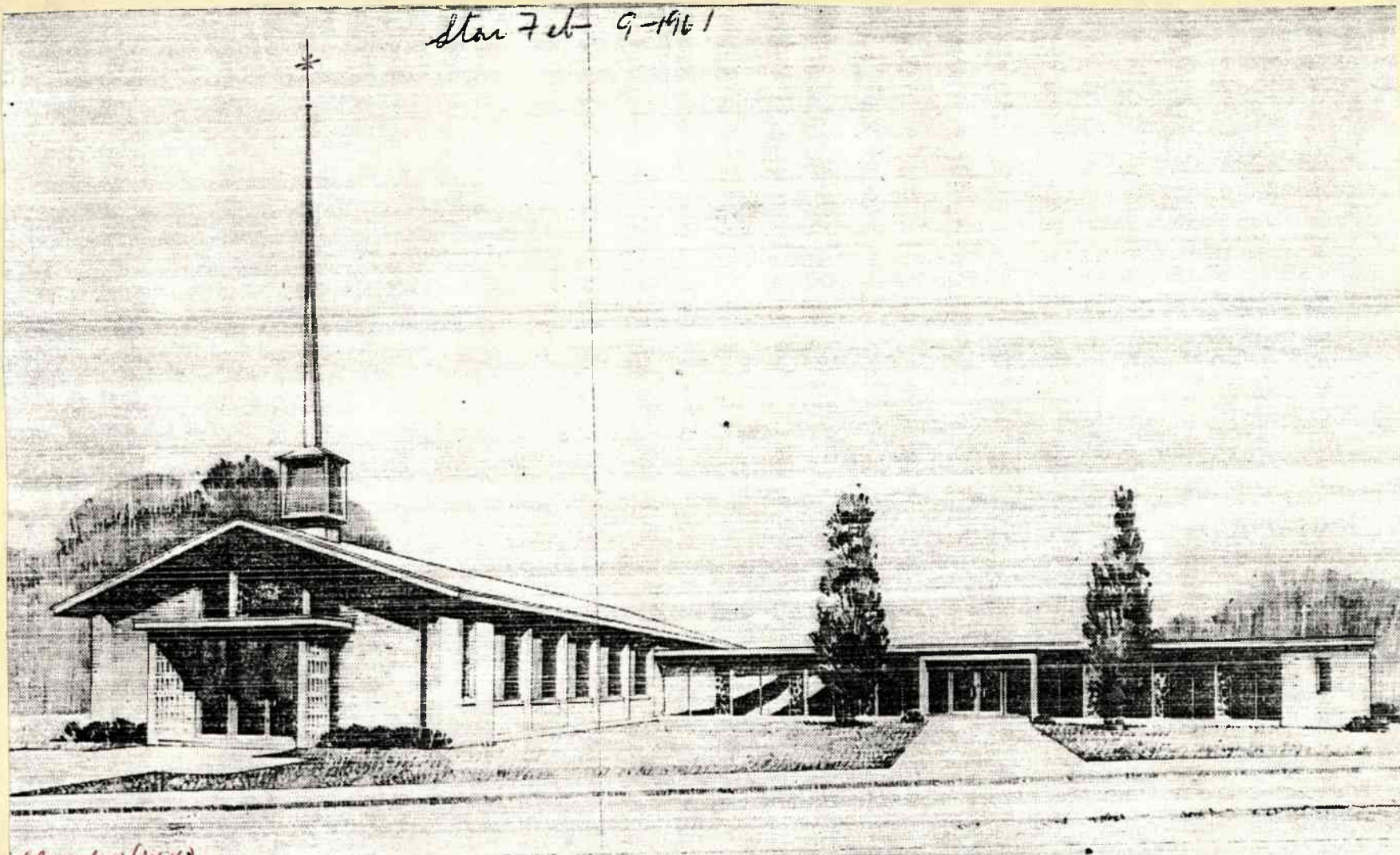


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Churches (W.V.)

PROPOSED NEW CHURCH — Congregation of Christus Victor Lutheran Church in the North Terre Haute area has approved plans for a church plant. It has been announced by the church council. The design approved was submitted by T. Norman Mansell and Associates of Philadelphia for the ultimate scheme and first unit of construction. Preliminary and construction drawings are to be executed by Roy D. Murphy Creative Builders, Inc., of Urbana, Ill. Total cost of the first unit of construction is estimated at \$90,000, all of which will be done by local contract. The plant will be located north of North Terre

Haute at the junction of new United States Highway 41 and the old U. S. 41. Construction is scheduled for this Summer with occupancy set for in the Fall. In recent elections, Harold Greenwood, Jerry Tauscher and Lloyd Duling were elected to three-year terms as trustees. The pastor, the Rev. Robert A. Davis, is president of the council. Other officers are: Paul N. Martin, vice president; Billy Jones, secretary; Harold Greenwood, treasurer, and Herbert Vogel and Lloyd Duling, financial secretaries. Currently services are being conducted in the Otter Creek Men's Club in North Terre Haute.

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Friday, June 5, 1953. T. H. Trib.

Fourth Member of Terre Haute Family To Be Ordained Sunday

Frederick E. Klopfer, former Terre Haute resident, will be formally ordained as a minister at services to be held at 10:15 o'clock Sunday morning at the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Twenty-Fourth and Poplar streets.

The son of the late Rev. Frederick John Klopfer, who served as pastor of that church from 1923 to 1949, he has three brothers who are Lutheran pastors.

Mr. Klopfer will be ordained by his eldest brother, Rev. Andrew J. Klopfer of Englewood, Colo., and Dr. T. S. Liefeld, professor of New Testament Theology at Capital University Theological Seminary at Columbus, Ohio, from which he graduated.

He has accepted a call to become pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church at Greenville, Ohio, where he will be installed July 7.

Mr. Klopfer was born in Terre Haute June 3, 1927 and attended Davis Park grade school, Woodrow Wilson Junior High School and Wiley High School where he was a member of the varsity football squad.

While in Terre Haute he attended Christ Lutheran Church where he taught in Sunday School, Bible Day School, played in the church orchestra and sang in the church choir.

Following his graduation from high school, he entered Capitol University College and the Seminary at Columbus, Ohio, where his mother is now making her home. He also served as vicar for one year at Chicago, Ill.

Another brother, Rev. Samuel Klopfer, is at Crisman, Ind., and still another, Rev. Paul Klopfer, is at Freemond, Ohio.

Following the morning services



FREDERICK E. KLOPFER.

a dinner will be served in the Sunday School rooms and a reception will follow the dinner.

The public is invited to the morning service

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Christ Lutheran sets diamond anniversary

The congregation of Christ Lutheran Church, 2331 Poplar St., will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the church's founding with special services and a fellowship dinner and program June 9.

The service will begin at 10:15 a.m. Guest speaker will be former pastor Rev. K. Schlueter, who served from June 21, 1964 to Aug. 4, 1969.

All of the 11 pastors still living who served the congregation have been invited to attend the celebration.

The congregation was formed in April 1910 when seven individuals met with the Rev. Honn of Indianapolis in the old armory at 17th and Wabash to organize a Lutheran Mission in Terre Haute. The first service took place on the third Sunday of May 1910 in the Chamber of Commerce Room in the Odd Fellows Temple. The organizing group called their mission St. Andrew.

In the fall of 1914, the congregation established its first real church at Eighth and Poplar streets. The mission was renamed Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, the name it still bears.

The church moved to larger quarters at 14th and Walnut streets in 1915 and quickly outgrew that site. At the annual meeting in 1938, a building committee was appointed. Two months later the cornerstone of the present building was laid at the current site. The building was dedicated July 17, 1939, and the mortgage burning for the parsonage and the church took place in July 1944 and January 1945 respectively.

An addition to the church was completed in 1954. It included a new parsonage with five Sunday School classrooms in the basement. The classrooms were connected to the church by a tunnel enabling children to get to class in inclement weather.

Over the 75-year history of Christ Lutheran Church, 11 pastors have served the congregation, including the Rev. F.J. Klopfer who served from 1924 until his death in 1949. Four of his sons also became Lutheran ministers. The Rev. O. Jerome Miller is the current pastor.

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Puppet production designed for youth ministry

By DONITA HADLEY
Tribune Staff Writer

Although Brother Joseph Terrell is not related to Cecil B. DeMille, he does have what might be called a mini-production company designed to minister to children.

The "company" developed out of Terrell's concern to offer something special for children during Sunday morning worship at church.

That something special turned out to be a puppet show.

"The kids like it," said Terrell, who attends the Christus Victor Lutheran Church in North Terre Haute. "We started the ministry there (Christus) because we didn't have anything but the worship service for adults."

"We aim our puppet program at the pre-schooler and first, second, third and fourth graders. We encourage the young people (junior and high school age) to participate so

they make up the plays and write them."

The company's little cast of characters is made up of several animals including an elephant, a dog and a cow which Terrell purchased.

The other "players" include a king, several shepherds and a prophet. These were made by the women at the Luthern church who have taken quite an interest in the puppet program, according to Terrell.

With money donated by the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company, church member Chuck Korcinek of Clinton built a portable stage.

"The stage is about four feet wide and seven feet tall," said Terrell, "and it's all enclosed. It can be torn apart and moved. In October we took the puppet show to the Lutheran district meeting in Indianapolis. It was mostly adults, but they really enjoyed it."

"Korcinek is also our scenery de-

Someone You Should Know

signer and he's even helped us with some lights," Terrell added.

Through this little dramatic setting, Terrell hopes to accomplish several things with the youngsters.

"I want to see the boys and girls learn," he said, "and, through the puppet shows, maybe they can come to a closer understanding of the scriptures and who Christ is. The puppet

ministry is a witness to teach doctrine, history and a Christian experience."

"We've found out by talking with the parents that the children have learned something. When the parents ask them about the stories, the children can tell them what the stories were about."

The company scheduled a special production for the Christmas season. Last Sunday a story about two little shepherds who look for a lost sheep was presented.

Ready when you are C.B.!

Someone You Should Know is a regular TRIBUNE feature designed to profile an individual with an interesting hobby or job. The column appears each Saturday. Persons wishing to suggest subjects for the Someone You Should Know column should send nominations to the Editor, Terre Haute Tribune, 721 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, Ind., 47803.

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CUE THE PUPPETS — During the holiday season, Brother Joseph Terrell of the Christus Victor Lutheran Church uses his acting company of puppets to illustrate the Christmas story to young church members.

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Lutheran Church has German origin

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Churches (A.H.)

By Francis E. Hughes

In 1846, Arnd H. Lueken, an immigrant German Lutheran teacher, arrived in Terre Haute and with him, 21 persons, mostly young, from East Friesland, the northernmost county of the German Empire. A few of them were from other parts of Germany.

Because these Lutherans were in a new land whose people spoke a strange language, they banded together with other German immigrants here.

Under the leadership of Lueken, they held Lutheran services, and in 1848, a congregation was organized which was called the German Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Church. Leuken was the first pastor.

However, the congregation included not only Lutherans, but also reformed, and still others quite indifferent to doctrine. There was no particular confession of faith and the minister's pleas to accept a Lutheran constitution was fruitless.

The Lutherans began to form a congregation of their own and separated themselves from the other church. On January 25, 1858, the Immanuel Congregation was born with the name of "The Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana."

On July 1, 1858, the congregation also resolved to join the nine-year-old church body known as "The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states." Not until 1917 was the name "German" omitted because of anti-German war sentiment and it was not until 1947 that the official name of the synod became "The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod."

A brick church, 40-by-50-feet in size, was erected at the northwest corner of Fourth and Swan streets, which the congregation occupied in 1880.

When the congregation was formed, there were only about 20 members. The Rev. H. W. Rinker was the first pastor and, besides him, the signers of the first constitution and charter members were A. H. Lueken, Ernst Meisel, Rickert V. Frerichs, J. H. Lueken, M. H. Bargmann, Frederick Piepenbrink, William Bargmann, Oeje Ennen, and Henry Gravemeyer.

Trustees were Messrs. Rinker, Frerichs, A. H. Lueken and Meisel.

By 1880, the congregation had 60 regular members and a parochial school attended by 50 to 60 pupils. The Rev. Henry Katt was the pastor. Trustees were Frerichs, T. Base and N. Kadel; elders were C. Piepenbrink and C. Leibing, and deacons were G. Zimmerman, Phil Kadel and Frank Hagedorn.

The Reverend Rinker had served the church from 1858 to 1863, the Rev. Oscar Schmidt, from 1864 to 1874 and the Rev. H. Sitzmann, from 1874 to 1879.

It was during Katt's pastorate, from 1879 to 1918, that the present sanctuary at 645 Poplar St. was built and paid for. April 3, 1883, the first collection for the building fund was started. By Nov. 1 of that year, there was enough money to purchase the property for \$2,647. The purchase was completed in the summer of 1884.

A building committee was named, and J. A. Vrydagh was engaged as architect. Groundbreaking was April 13, 1885, and the cornerstone was laid June 28 of that year. On Oct. 10, 1886, the new sanctuary was "dedicated to the service of the Triune God."

The baptismal font and the altar painting were donated and the total cost of the rest of the building amounted to \$24,225.78.

This included not only the property and building but the stained glass windows, decorative painting, pipe organ, pews, bells, altar, and equipment.

There remained a debt of \$6,000 which the congregation paid off in the following years.

Formal separation from the original church did not come until 1887.

In the first 50 years of the congregation, there were 2,058 baptisms performed, 813 catechumens confirmed, 412 marriages solemnized and 790 funerals. The congregation numbered 456 communicant members and 50 voting members. A Christian day school had 50 pupils enrolled and the Sunday School listed 150 children.

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Congregational organizations included a choir, a young people's society, and in 1880, a Women's Society which listed 80 voting members. The first officers of the women's society were Bertha Moench, president; Bertha Fromme, vice president; and Salome Zimmerman, treasurer.

The Rev. Henry Katt was succeeded as pastor by the Rev. Arthur F. Katt, who served from 1918 to 1925. Other pastors were the Rev. Frederick C. Jordan, 1925-1955; the Rev. Arnold F. Kluge, 1955 to 1961; and the Rev. Donald Schedler, 1962-1971. The present pastor, who came to the church in 1973, is the Rev. Philip G. Meyer.

The congregation continued to worship in its native German tongue until the early 1940s. However, English services were begun in 1897 and were held regularly after 1913. Work among the Slovak people also was started in 1922.

For 88 years, from 1859 until 1946, a parochial school was operated. The teachers were F. Fathauer, 1859-1861; the Rev. Rinker, 1861-1864; the Rev. Lueken, 1864-1869; C. Beutenmiller, 1865-1867; the Rev. Schmidt, 1869-1873; A. Krueger, 1874-1876; M. Grosse, 1876-1883; J. Wisbeck, 1883-1890; Julius Trapp, 1892-1895; Fred Rechlin, 1895-1918, and Martin Braunschweiger, 1921-1946.

In 1971, the congregation undertook the planning and building of the Parish Center adjoining the sanctuary on the east side. In October of 1973, the new Parish Center was dedicated.

There are now 475 baptized members (adults and children) at present, as well as 375 adult communicant members.

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Lueken was Lutheran minister

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By Dorothy J. Clark

Historically speaking

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Oak streets.

The Rev. C. Becker was called in 1854, and the Rev. F. W. Steffens in 1857. It was during his ministry that the two factions of the church formally separated on Nov. 19, 1857. The Lutherans were given \$750, while the Reformed kept the church building.

Later on, when the Reformed congregation built a new church at Eighth and Ohio streets, the old church was sold to the Jewish residents and converted into Temple Israel.

The Lutherans established their own congregation, holding the first meeting Jan. 25, 1858. H. W. Rinker was called May 2, 1858, and the following month was ordained and installed. July 1, 1858, a constitution was adopted which was last until 1920.

Charter members included Pastor Rinker, A. H. Lueken, Ernst Meissel, Rickert U. Frerichs, J. H. Lueken, M. H. Bargmann, Frederick Piepenbrink, William Bergmann, Oeje Ennen and Henricus Gravemeyer.

The first meetings were held at Carr's Hall, but plans for building a new church were made. A 75-foot lot at the northwest corner of Fourth and Swan was purchased. The carpenter shop on the lot was moved to the rear of the property, converted into a parsonage, and used for that purpose until 1886. The church was dedicated in 1860 and served as church and school until 1886.

The Rev. Rinker resigned in 1864, to be succeeded by Oskar Schmidt, the Rev. E. Sitzmann in 1874, and the Rev. Henry Katt in 1879. He served until his death in 1918, and was succeeded by his son, Arthur F. Katt, who served until 1925.

When the old church buildings became inadequate, the congrega-

tion built a new church at Center and Poplar streets. The lot was purchased in 1884, and through the generosity of Mrs. Caroline Wahler and others ground was broken April 13, 1885, the cornerstone laid Jan. 28, 1886, and the structure dedicated Oct. 10, 1886.

Before World War I, church services were given entirely in the German language. The old-time custom of the men sitting on the left and the women on the right of the church was strictly adhered to by the members. English services began in 1914.

In 1925, the Rev. Frederick C. Jordan came to Immanuel and served for 30 years until his death in 1955 when the Rev. Arnold F. Kluge was installed.

The Lutheran parochial school was founded in 1858 by the first pastor, the Rev. H. W. Rinker. Other teachers included F. Fathauer, 1859-61; Rinker, 1861-64; Lueken, 1864-69; C. Beutenmiller, 1865-1867; Schmidt, 1869-73; A. Krueger, 1874-76; M. Grosse, 1876-83; J. Wisback, 1883-90; D. Meibohm, 1890-92; Julius Trapp, 1892-95; Fred Rechlin, 1895-1918; and Martin Braunschweiger, 1921-46.

Mr. Rechlin was a noted organist and choir director, and taught school for 23 years. His brother, Edward Rechlin, became internationally famous as a concert organist who interpreted and popularized the works of Johann Sebastian Bach.

Some of the "old pioneers" of the church lived to advanced ages. These good German citizens and their 137-year-old church played an important role in Terre Haute's growth and development. They included George J. Kadel, Jacob Bechtel, Carl Wirth, Christopher Leibing, Reinder Zimmerman, Ede Hausmann and Ude U. Frerichs.

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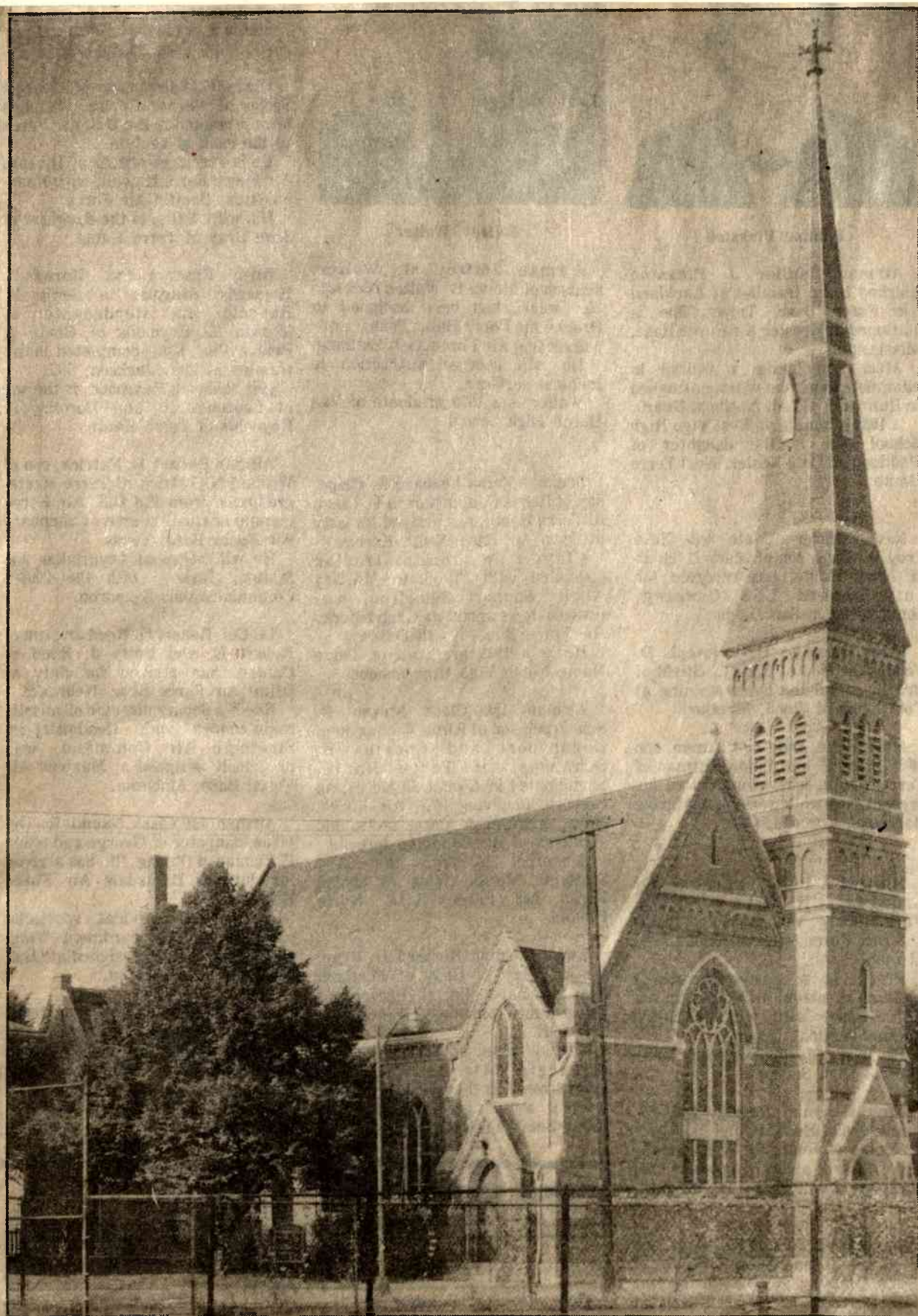
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"Here I Stand"

Members and friends of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 645 Poplar St., will begin the 125th anniversary celebration of the church

tomorrow. The celebration will continue through October.

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Mayor joins church's celebration

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1886.

"This church building was modeled after a famous church building in Germany, and is considered one of the most beautiful in Terre Haute." The church and its congregation "have contributed much to the religion and history of Terre Haute," the proclamation says.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church, 639 Poplar Street, has set aside this Sunday to commemorate its organization of 95 years ago. The speaker at the 10:30 o'clock service will be the Rev. Fred C. Braunschweiger, a son of the congregation, who is en route to a new pastorate at San Rafael, Cal.

The congregation was organized in 1858. Meetings were first held in Carr's Hall, Fourth and Walnut streets, and in the Court House. The first church was located at Fourth and Swan streets. The present Gothic structure was dedicated in 1886.

Six pastors have served the congregation since its founding: H. W. Rinker, 1858-1864; Oscar Schmidt, 1864-1874; A. Sitzmann, 1874-1879; Henry Katt, 1879-1918; Arthur Katt, 1918-1925, and the present pastor, Frederick C. Jordan.

The present board consists of Paul Wolf, Weir Richard Kirk, Albert Koll, Herman Kelm, Herman Kruse, William Teitge, Walter Piepenbrink, Arthur Piepenbrink, Herman Meissel, Warner Kadel, Robert Fiess, Orville Sauer and Floyd Cooper.

The Rev. Gene Oesch of Wausa, Neb., has accepted the congregation's call as an assistant to the Rev. Mr. Jordan upon the completion of the present school year at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He will assist particularly in the youth activities and missionary endeavors of the local church.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1858-1958

By DOROTHY J. CLARK

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Dorothy J. Clark.

In 1848 he rode horseback to Lafayette to organize the Lutheran congregation there. The following year he traveled to Linton and to Vincennes. On April 3, 1948, Lueken organized the Terre Haute people who had called him. However, this organization was not destined to last very long, for it included not only Lutherans, but also Reformed, and still others quite indifferent to doctrine. This organization was called The German Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Church. In 1851 Lueken resigned the pastorate, and was succeeded by the pastors Kuester and Lautenschlaeger. While the first meetings had been held in Carr's Hall, at the southwest corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, and in the courthouse, a church was built in 1852 on South Fourth street, between Swan and Oak streets.

The Rev. C. Becker was called in 1854, and the Rev. F. W. Steffens in 1857. During the ministry of the latter, the two principal factions which had been discordant almost from the very beginning, formally separated, Nov. 19, 1857. The Lutherans were given \$750, while the Reformed kept the church building. Later on, when the Reformed congregation built a new church at Eighth and Ohio streets, the old church was sold to the Jewish people and converted into a Temple Israel.

Establish Congregation.

The Lutherans now went about establishing a congregation of their own, holding the first meeting

January 25, 1858. H. W. Rinker was called May 2, 1858, and the following month was ordained and installed. On July 1, 1858, a constitution was adopted, which was revised in 1920, and is undergoing further revision at present.

The constitution was signed by the following charter members: H. W. Rinker, pastor; A. H. Lueken, Ernst Meissel, Rickert U. Frerichs, J. H. Lueken, M. H. Bargmann, Frederick Piepenbrink, William Bergmann, Oetje Ennen and Henricus Gravemeyer. The first officers were: A. H. Lueken, Rickert Frerichs and Ernst Meissel, trustees; Fred Piepenbrink and Matthes Bargmann, deacons.

While the first meetings were again held at Carr's Hall, plans were made at once for the building of a church. A 75-foot lot at the northwest corner of Fourth and Swan was purchased. A carpenter shop occupying the same location was moved to the rear of the lot and converted into a parsonage which was used for that purpose until 1886. The church was completed and dedicated in 1860 and served as church and school until 1886.

The Rev. Mr. Rinker resigned his pastorate in 1864, after but six years of service. His successor was Oskar Schmidt, who served for ten years.

The Rev. E. Sitzmann was installed January 18, 1874, and served for 5 years. Rev. Henry Katt was installed June 8, 1879.

When the old church building became inadequate, the congregation decided to build a new church. In 1884 a lot was purchased at Center and Poplar streets, but without the generosity of Mrs. Caroline Wahler, who brought the old church property and subscribed an additional thousand dollars, the church building would have been delayed. Her example encouraged others and soon the necessary two-thirds of the total was pledged.

Ground was broken April 13, 1886, and the church edi-

fice dedicated October 10, 1886. In 1914, the congregation granted Pastor Henry a leave of absence because of ill health, finally calling his son, Arthur F. Katt, to assist his father whose death occurred July 28, 1918, having served the congregation well for nearly forty years.

Begin Services in English.

Before World War I the church services were given in the German language entirely, and the old-time custom of the men sitting on the left and the women on the right side of the church was strictly adhered to by the members. English services were begun regularly in 1914.

In 1925 Pastor Katt accepted a call to Cleveland. Just this year, 1953, he retired from the ministry and moved with his family to Florida. His sisters, Mrs. Alma Moudy and Mrs. Robert J. Voges, are members of the Terre Haute Congregation.

The Rev. Frederick C. Jordan came to Immanuel from Amherst, Ohio, in 1925 and served for thirty years, until his death in 1955. His widow, Mrs. Loretta Jordan, and two children, Carl and Ruth Jordan, continue to make Terre Haute their home.

The congregation's present minister, Rev. Arnold F. Kluge, was called from Trinity Lutheran Church near Evansville, Indiana, at Darmstadt, Indiana, and was installed here July 3, 1955.

Found School.

The Lutheran parochial school was founded in 1958 by the first pastor, Rev. H. W. Rinker, who was assisted in teaching by his daughter. Other teachers were: F. Fathauer, 1859-1861; Rev. H. W. Rinker, 1861-1864; A. H. Lueken, 1864-1869; C. Beutenmiller, 1865-1867; Rev. O. Schmidt, 1869-1873; A. Krueger, 1874-1876; M. Grosse, 1876-1883; J. Wisbeck, 1883-1890; D. Meibohm, 1890-1892; Julius Trapp, 1892-1895; Fred Rechlin, 1895-1918; Martin Braunschweiger, 1921-1946.

Mr. Fred Rechlin was a noted organist and choir director, and taught school for 23 years. His brother, Edward Rechlin, became internationally famous as a concert organist who interpreted and popularized the works of Johann Sebastian Bach.

In looking over the old records loaned to me, I found the following names of some of the "old pio-

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neers" and the dates of their death, some at a ripe old age: Ahrend H. Lucken, 1887; Matthes Bargmann, 1888; Jann H. Lucken, 1889; George J. Kadel, 1891; Jacob Bechtel, 1895; Rickert Frerichs, 1901; Carl Wirth, Fred Piepenbrink, Christopher Leibing and Reinder Zimmerman, 1902; Ede Hausmann, 1903, and Ude U. Frerichs, 1904.

These good German citizens and their century-old church have played a large role in Terre Haute's growth and development over the past 100 years.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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plans special celebration

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The Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 645 Poplar St., will celebrate Sunday the Festival of the Lutheran Reformation and the 120th anniversary of the founding of the Immanuel congregation.

According to the Rev. Philip

G. Meyer, pastor of the congregation, a special worship service has been planned which incorporates both the celebration of the Reformation and the anniversary of the congregation. Included in the special worship will be the choir, under the direction of John Ware, the acolytes and the crucifer.

Immanuel's congregation was officially founded July 1, 1858, but had been in existence since 1848 when the German immigrants to Terre Haute had formed "The German Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Church." However, the doctrinal differences between the Lutheran and the Reformed groups could not be composed and the Lutherans of Terre Haute began establishing a congregation of their own in January of 1858.

In adopting the constitution of 1858 the congregation stated that it "accepts and acknowledges all the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and all the symbolic books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, contained in the Book of Concord of 1580."

This is the congregation's doctrinal standard, one which has stood for 120 years. Among the first signers of the constitution were H.W. Rinker, pastor; Ernst Meissel, Rickert V. Frerichs, A.H. Lueken, J.H. Lueken, M.H. Bargmann, Frederick Piepenbrink, William Bargmann, Oeje Ennen and Henry Gravemeyer.

The Immanuel congregation

invites the community to celebrate with it in public worship Sunday beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church To Dedicate New Building

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On Sunday, Oct. 7, at 3 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 645 Poplar St., will dedicate its new Parish Center Building. The service of dedication will begin at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary and move to the new building for completion.

Guest preacher for the occasion will be Dr. Robert P. Preus, Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Preus holds the Ph.D and D. EN-THEOL. degrees from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and the University of Strasbourg, France, respectively.

The new Parish Center was planned in the fall of 1971 and work was begun in fall of 1972. The building was conceived to meet the growing needs of Immanuel congregation. It is designed to be used for the parish educational programs, special worship events, and congregational fellowship activities.

Immanuel congregation, founded in 1958, is in the heart

of the downtown area. The present sanctuary, recently remodeled, was erected in 1885. "The new Parish Center," says the Rev. Philip G. Meyer, pastor of Immanuel, "represents not only our optimism for Immanuel's growth, but the growth and revitalization of the downtown area. As a centrally located congregation we are in a position to serve the entire Terre Haute community," he added.

Immanuel's regular schedule begins on Sunday with Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

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Immanuel Lutherans Start New Preschool Program

The Immanuel Lutheran Church congregation has begun a Christian preschool program according to the Rev. Philip G. Meyer, pastor of the congregation.

The announcement was made by the Board of Education of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Immanuel recently initiated the preschool program in response to the needs of the congregation and of the community for a Christian preschool program. Miss Jan Dammann is the teacher for the program. Miss Dammann holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Unlike preschool cooperative programs, Immanuel's program is sponsored by the congregation itself, its support deriving from the members of the congregation. The program is geared for children three and four years old. There will be separate sessions for the two age groups, the three year old children meeting twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and the four year olds meeting three times per week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

All sessions will last from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will be conducted in Immanuel's new Parish Center at 645 Poplar St. Immanuel's new program is part of the education program of the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod which operates 54 parochial schools in Indiana and Kentucky. Nationwide it is part of over 1,240 elementary schools.

Immanuel Christian Preschool is open to members of the Terre Haute community on a first come first served basis. Further information concerning the school may be secured by calling the church office.

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH at 6½ and Poplar Sts., is adding an educational wing.

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Church Builds Educational Wing

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Construction is starting on a new brick veneered, 6,300 square foot air conditioned educational wing at Immanuel Lutheran Church, it was announced by George Wiemuth, Chairman of the Construction Committee, and Walter Piepenbrink, Chairman of the Planning Committee.

The new building will provide a 40 by 98 foot multi use Sunday School class area and church hall as well as smaller class rooms, offices for the pastor and church secretary, kitchen facilities, a utility storage room, and rest room and lounge facilities. The site was recently cleared pending the construction. John Mitchel of Danville, Ill., is the architect.

The project which has been in the planning stages for two years was undertaken even though the congregation has been without a pastor for 13 months.

Clarence Butenhoff, the chairman of the congregation, stated that the building project underscores the faith of the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in the future of the central downtown area of Terre Haute.

The building project is the last and major stage of improvements to be made at the church. Already completed in the program started early this year were the redecoration, refinishing, and renovation of the church sanctuary, narthex, library, and bible class rooms.



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS—Construction on the educational wing of the Immanuel Lutheran Church began Tuesday with groundbreaking ceremonies at the church. Present for the occasion were, kneeling, from left, Stephen Garmong, Garmong and Son Contractors, and Paul Wolf, building committee. Standing, from left, are John J. Goeres, William J. Brune, Carl Wenzel, Richard Garmong, Garmong and Son Contractors; Clarence Butenhoff, chairman of the church congregation; George Wiemuth, chairman of the construction committee, and Walter Piepenbrink, chairman of the planning committee. House of Photography Photo.

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Unity Evangelical Lutheran To Celebrate Its 17th Anniversary

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The Unity Evangelical Lutheran church, Twenty-Fifth street and College avenue, will hold a special service Thursday evening commemorating its seventeenth anniversary.

Rev. L. O. Richmond, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, will be the guest speaker at the services.

Following the opening hymn, "From Ocean Unto Ocean," the invocation will be given by the guest pastor and then there will be readings of congregational historical notes.

Miss Barbara Garrison, well known vocalist, will sing a special number to be followed by memories of the church's early days by some of its charter members.

All previous pastors that are able to be present will be presented and bring special messages. The presentation of the church perpetual birthday fund will be made by L. C. Mattern, followed by the pastoral prayer for continued help and guidance of the United church.

Refreshments will be served in the church parlors immediately following the program provided by the Ladies' Aid of the church.

Church History.

In speaking of the history of the church and also that of all Lutheran churches, Rev. G. E. Wick, pastor, said:

"This church's first Sunday School meeting and worship service was called on July 24, 1924, in a room of the Thornton school house. Services continued regularly under the leadership of P. J. Laughner until the first Sunday in September of that year. On this day the present site at Twenty-fifth street and College avenue was first used. Pastor Laughner's resignation became effective Easter Sunday, April 8, 1928.

"Rev. Paul S. Recher succeeded, preaching his first sermon as pastor on Sunday, August 18, 1928. Pastor Recher receives much credit of having revived the spirits of a discouraged congregation. The congregation in all of its activities and organizations continued to grow substantially in membership and in the assumption of financial responsibilities. Pastor Recher resigned in 1933. He was succeeded by Pastor John L. Cauble, who after a successful three years was called to Juno, Alaska, to the home mission field there.

"Upon the resignation of Rev. Cauble the congregation called Rev. George H. Aigner to fill its pulpit. Pastor Aigner remained with the congregation until September, 1940, at which time he left Terre Haute to fill a call to Lutheran student work in Chicago. Since that time Unity Congregation has called Rev. G. E. Wick, whose acceptance of the call became effective in January of this year.

"The little Unity congregation has grown to the point at which it is rapidly assuming its own responsibilities as a full-fledged congregation on a self-supporting basis. The little church has had its ups and downs, especially during the very lean years from 1930 to 1935. Pastors from various states have come to serve her to be called in a few years to far and varied fields of work within the church.

at large. Unity's existence is still somewhat of a struggle but she looks back with pride on her 17 years of service to the community. Seventeen years are not many in the sight of many congregations. But Unity is proud in more than her own accomplishments. She is proud of her backgrounds in her mother church.

Pioneer Leaders.

"In this crisis period of patriotic emphasis and pride in being an American the congregation looks back upon her forefathers and their contribution to our republic. It is to statements such as these that her eyes are turned today:

President John Grier Hibbon of Princeton University stated, "The Lutheran church has stood for both religious and civil liberty at the great crises of the world's history and our American institutions have drawn much of their vitality and strength from the spirit which animated its followers."

Dr. John W. Richards, noted historian, writes, "With Luther and the Lutheran church, the modern idea of governments by and for the people came into the world."

"Early American history is dotted with the footsteps of Lutherans. Lutherans had established a colony in Venezuela, South America, as early as 1529. In 1613, seven years before the Pilgrims landed, a Lutheran built the first house erected on Manhattan Island. The first white boy born north of Virginia was a Lutheran boy on Manhattan Island, 1614. In August, 1619, Rev. Rasmus Jansen, Lutheran clergyman, landed on Hudson bay—the



REV. G. E. WICK.

first pastor to land and die in North America. By 1623 there was a permanent Lutheran settlement on Manhattan Island and the Bronx of today is named after one of these settlers. Jonas Bronck. The Lutheran church sent the first missionaries to the American Indians, in 1642, John Campanius, a Lutheran missionary succeeded in translating Luther's catechism into the Indian tongue.

"Lutherans erected the first state house in Pennsylvania. They at once made peaceful treaties with the Indians and forbade slavery. By 1750 there were 60,000 Lutherans living in Philadelphia. Conrad Weiser, a Lutheran, through his intel-

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ligent aid and decision, brought the French and Indian wars to a happy conclusion. Lutheran soldiers helped General Wolfe scale the heights of Abraham and capture the city of Quebec.

"With the rise of the United States such facts bear note: Frederick Muhlenberg became first president of the Continental Congress and also speaker of the first House of Representatives of the United States. It was Rev. Peter Muhlenberg, a Lutheran pastor of Virginia, who heard and seconded Patrick Henry's famous liberty speech. The second oldest military unit in America was formed by 137 men from St. John's Lutheran church, Charleston. General Peter Muhlenberg and his Lutheran soldiers turned the tide of battle at Brandywine and Monmouth for Washington.

"Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence in 1776 in the house of Jacob Graef, a Lutheran. Frederick Leiser, a Lutheran, hauled the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia to Allentown and hid it under the floor of Zion Lutheran church. The first governor of the state of Pennsylvania was a Lutheran. In 1781, John Hanson, a Lutheran, was elected president of the United States (in congress assembled) and served in this office until Washington was regularly elected and inaugurated. Michael Hillegas, a Lutheran, became the first treasurer and served until Alexander Hamilton took office.

Church and the Republic.

"The Lutherans have played a prominent part in the nation's history. No other group has shown a greater patriotism or loyalty in times of war or peace. Our own Constitution of the United States derived its form and meaning to a large extent from a study of an early Lutheran Congregational constitution created by Frederick Muhlenberg. Lutherans today as yesterday desire to be of service to their country in war and in peace. God's blessing has richly been bestowed upon them. Today, more than 90,000,000 Lutherans confess their faith in the same terminology as the apostles themselves used. The Evangelical Lutheran church is the largest Protestant body in the world and it shows a consistent yearly growth in membership.

"And so, without arrogance or pride of past or present, Unity Lutheran church of Terre Haute humbly bids all its friends and acquaintances a hearty welcome to come and join her in the celebration of the seventeenth anniversary of her birth of her service to the community and of fellowship with God."

Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church in Present Building Fifty Years.

Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church at Eighth and Ohio streets, will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of its church building with special services Sunday morning. It was announced yesterday by the Rev. William C. Feller, pastor.

The church building recently was completely redecorated and improved and the rededication services also will mark the completion of the improvement program.

Also included in the anniversary celebration will be a fellowship night which will be held at the church at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, Dec. 16. The members of the church will attend the affair and a special entertainment program

has been planned.

The Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church congregation was formed eighty-three years ago. The congregational constitution was adopted May 16, 1858, and the first church building was erected at Fourth and Walnut streets.

Site of the present church building was acquired in June, 1890, and plans then were made for building a new church building. The cornerstone of the new church was laid Oct. 5, 1890, while the Rev. Dr. F. R. Schwedes was pastor of the congregation.

This year the congregation of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the building, instituted a series of improvements and repairs upon the church building. A Hammond electric organ with a set of twenty-one cathedral chimes was installed. The chimes are amplified in the church tower.

The exterior of the church was refinished during the Summer with brick stain. During the recent weeks the interior of the building has been completely redecorated, the floors refinished and new carpet laid. The Sunday School rooms also were cleaned and other repairs and improvements made. Total cost of improvements was \$5,000.

The anniversary celebration will open at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Mr. Feller, who has occupied the pulpit of the church for the past four years.

Tuesday night the fellowship night will be held and the anniversary observance will conclude with communion service Sunday morning, Dec. 21.

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PRESENT CHURCH.

The Unity Lutheran church at Twenty-fifth and College, will celebrate its nineteenth anniversary next Sunday. Dr. H. E. Turney, president of the synod, Indianapolis, will be the speaker. Rev. John G. Frank, the pastor, will preside at the birthday dinner at which a cake will be cut in honor of the occasion.

The church was built in 1924 and the pastors have been Rev. Laughner, Rev. Recher, Rev. Cauble, Rev. Aigner, Rev. Wick and now Rev. Frank.

There are about 60 families enrolled. Rev. Frank has been here for five months. He has added to the membership of the church, re-organized the church departments and increased interest in the general work of the church.

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Break Ground Next Sunday For New Church In Hulman Meadows

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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, now located just off Twenty-fifth on College avenue, has completed plans for a ground-breaking and blessing of its new church site in Hulman Meadows. Pastor Charles H. Ostheim announced Saturday that the ceremonies will take place on Sunday afternoon, April 19, at 3 p.m.

The new \$100,000 church will be situated on a 2½-acre lot with en-

trances on Marigold drive and Ohio street. The modern, ranch-type church will be composed of two wings, forming a leaning L-shaped design. An exterior of red brick will be used, and the interior will have floors of asphalt tile and walls of Hydite block leading up to a beautiful beam ceiling in natural finish.

The longer left wing on Marigold drive will have a built-in porch

and will house the primary department, a modern kitchen and lavatories. At one end of the right wing, below a low brick tower, will be a classroom for the intermediates and the pastor's study. Along the south side, facing Ohio street, will be a series of classrooms for the junior department. Large, plate-glass windows will fill the south wall, and modern-fold doors will divide the rooms.

The junior department will be separated from the church proper by large decorative wooden windows which, when opened, will extend the seating capacity of the congregation. Early Christian symbols will decorate these windows and when they are closed, a raised cross is formed.

Following the new and more primitive liturgical movement, the organ and choir will be placed in a rear balcony. Only the baptismal font and some of the altar appointments will be taken from the old church and placed in the new. The old altar and the children's altar will be placed in the Sunday School.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was first organized after a survey by the Home Mission Board of the Indiana Synod on September 25, 1924. Beginning with 17 members, the congregation held its first services at Thornton School. The Rev. Mr. Ostheim is the eighth pastor of the church, and during his three years, there has been a 61 per cent increase in the congregation which now totals 325 members.

Tentative plans for the completion of the new church have been set for October 1, 1953. Future plans provide for further expansion of the new church. Other classrooms and a larger church may be added on to the L-shaped design to form a church-garden and quadrangle in the center. A parsonage will also be added to the north side.

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Trinity Lutheran Will Mark Pastor's Anniversary Sunday

The tenth anniversary of the Rev. Charles H. Ostheim as pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church will be observed with special services by the parishioners Sunday.

Dr. Grady Davis, professor of functional theology at Chicago Lutheran Seminary will deliver the sermon at the 10 a.m. service.

Dr. Walter M. Wick, president of the Indiana synod, will be present from Indianapolis and bring congratulatory greetings from other Lutheran churches throughout the state.

Dr. Wick was the guest minister at services in 1953 when the new Trinity Lutheran Church in Hulman Meadows formally was dedicated. Members of the church previously had worshiped for 26 years at Unity Lutheran Church at Twenty-fifth and College.

The Rev. Ostheim first came to serve the local church while still a student at Chicago Lutheran Seminary. He served as supply pastor for seven months, commuting on weekends, and he became the church's permanent pastor June 11, 1950.

Initiated Project.

Upon accepting the pastorate permanently, the Rev. Mr. Ostheim initiated a funds-raising project to build a new church for the 118 communicants. From that body the membership has grown threefold and attendance has grown fourfold since the new church was dedicated Nov. 1, 1953. Seven hundred and forty members have been received into the church during the Rev. Mr. Ostheim's pastorate, and there have been 213 baptisms.

Owing to the expanded membership, the church now has two Sunday morning services except during the Summer months.



REV. CHARLES H. OSTHEIM

Organization of social and religious groups the last ten years. Two women's groups have been organized, the Missionary Circle and the Bible Study Club, in addition to the Women's Guild.

Student activities for students attending Indiana State Teachers College and Rose Poly have been expanded into Lutheran Student Work. In the connection, the Rev. Mr. Ostheim is a member of the Indiana synod committee for student activities in a number of Indiana colleges and universities.

The program for youth groups further has been expanded by the formation of a junior choir and a group of boys and girls who serve as counselors at Summer camps. The prime function of the latter group is to teach other youths how to organize fellowship organizations.

A family group enables all

members of the congregation to participate in an annual event each July, during a three-day retreat at a camp near Howe, Ind.

Serves as Chaplain.

In addition to working with these groups, the Rev. Mr. Ostheim also serves as Lutheran chaplain at the local United States Prison and for the Army Air Force Base near Rockville.

The Rev. Mr. Ostheim also has brought two student vicars to the church during the last three years. Serving as vicars while completing their seminary studies were Frank Muller and Raymond Stiffler, both of whom have since been ordained and are serving parishes in Michigan and California.

The Rev. Mr. Ostheim also made the survey for the need of founding a new mission church locally and it was his recommendation that brought about the organization of Christus Victor Church in North Terre Haute. Served by the Rev. Robert A. Davis, Christus Victor Church formally was organized last Sunday, at which time the Rev. Mr. Ostheim officiated at bringing the church into membership with the United Lutheran Church of America.

During the Rev. Mr. Ostheim's pastorate, the physical facilities of Trinity Church have kept pace with the membership growth. Next week construction will start on an addition to the church building to provide additional Sunday school and classrooms and a larger nursery. The addition, which will be extended as an L-shaped wing used for Sunday school classes and social functions, will house seven new classrooms.

Pledges in excess of 90 percent of the total construction costs have been made by members to make the new addition possible. Construction of the new wing will mark the second addition to the church building this year. At Eastertime new stained glass memory windows were dedicated.

Sunday's anniversary observance also will mark the tenth anniversary of the Rev. Mr. Ostheim's graduation from Chicago Lutheran Seminary. He also holds an A. B. degree from Lenior-Rhyne College at Hickory, N. C., and since coming to Terre Haute he did graduate work at Indiana State Teachers College and received a masters degree.

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Church Ground-Breaking Today



REV. DONALD ELDER.

The Rev. Donald E. Elder, secretary of the Indiana Synod of the United Lutheran Church, and pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, will represent all the United Lutheran churches in Indiana at the ground-breaking and blessing of the new Church site of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The service will mark the beginning of a new \$100,000 church to be situated on a 2½-acre plot at the corner of Marigold Drive and Ohio Boulevard in Hulman Meadows.

Beginning at 3 o'clock this afternoon, Pastor Elder will turn the first spade of earth in front of a temporary altar erected for the occasion. The Rev. John Frank, former pastor of Trinity Church and now pastor of St. Andrew's Speedway City, will turn the second spade.

The Rev. Charles H. Ostheim, pastor of Trinity Church since 1950, will break the third spade of earth. Born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Pastor Ostheim was graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina in 1947, and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Chicago Lutheran Seminary, Maywood, Illinois, in 1950. He was installed as pastor of Trinity Church in June, 1950.

An outline of a cross will be



REV. CHAS. H. OSTHEIM.

formed during the ground breaking service at the place where the new altar will be placed. Charter members of Trinity Church which was organized on September 25, 1924, will continue the outline of the cross as they complete the ground-breaking service. The charter members include Mrs. Alma Garrison, Mrs. William Klumpp, Mrs. Florence Norton and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Phifer.

Tentative plans for the completion of the new church have been set for October 1, 1953.

Members of the congregation and friends of Trinity Church are invited to attend the service.

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Trinity Lutheran Church Places Cornerstone for New Structure

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Simple ceremonies at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon following the ritual of the United Lutheran Church of America marked the placing of the cornerstone of Trinity Lutheran Church, Marigold Drive and Ohio Boulevard.

The Rev. Charles Ostheim officiated at the ceremony, which opened with the singing of "Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation." The members of the church joined in the reading of "The Psalm," after which he read from Isaiah 28:16, Ezra 3:10-11 and Ephesians 2:19-22 and the entire body said "The Apostle's Creed."

A prayer for the new church was offered and then the pastor placed the copper box in the cornerstone, which was raised into place by several men of the church. The ceremony closed with the group joining in the saying of "The Lord's Prayer" and the benediction by the pastor.

The contents of the copper box in the cornerstone, for the enlightenment of future generations, should the church be destroyed included pictures of the groundbreaking April 19, a devotional booklet, a report of the president of the church for 1952, the hymnal now in use, two copies of the Bible—one the King James version and the other Standard Revised version, the church bulletin for yesterday and the program for the afternoon service, the National Lutheran Magazine, The Lutheran Magazine, the Foreign Mission Magazine, the Lutheran catchisms, minutes of the Indiana synod for 1952, newspaper clippings of the groundbreaking and of yesterday's cere-

mony, the program booklet of the Guild and Women of the Church for 1953, and a membership list.

Services will be held in the church early in the Fall, it is hoped. The completion of the one-story, red brick building which will seat about 400 persons, is expected about Oct. 1. Cost of the building and furnishings is estimated at \$100,000.

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Ground Broken For New \$100,000 Lutheran Church

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Clergy and laity joined in ground breaking ceremonies Sunday for Trinity Lutheran Church in Hulman Meadows.

A church costing approximately \$100,000 is to be erected at Marigold drive and Ohio boulevard, replacing the present Trinity Lutheran building at 2505 College avenue.

Rev. Donald E. Elder, secretary of the Indiana Synod and pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Indianapolis, was here for the program.

Another speaker was Rev. John G. Frank, former local pastor, now president of the Southern Conference of the Indiana Synod and pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Speedway City.

Rev. Charles E. Ostheim, Trinity Lutheran pastor, joined with the two visiting ministers in turning the first spadefuls of earth.

Some 150 persons attended the ceremony, despite biting wind and snow flurries.

The shape of a cross was dug in the ground before a temporary altar.

Construction on the new church, first to be erected in Hulman Meadows, will be started the last of this month, it is expected. The tentative completion date is Oct. 1.

Designed by Wayne Weber, the L-shaped structure of modern-type architecture will have a red brick exterior with a tile and block interior. The vaulted ceiling of the church proper will have beams of light oak.

Seating capacity will be about 400. The parish hall and junior Sunday School will be in the L-wing. There will be no basement. Radiant heating will be provided by a gas-fired furnace.

Organized in September, 1924, the church was a home mission of the Indiana Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.

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